

## ON A CASH SYSTEM

Grand Rapids Laundrymen Combine Against Giving Credit.

## RULE ENFORCED NOVEMBER 1

They May Labor Must Be Paid Weekly and the Cash is Required on Delivery.

After November 1 if you wear a clean shirt and collar your friends and acquaintances will know that you have had the price of the laundry there. They will be sure of this, because if the Grand Rapids laundrymen observe a rule just adopted you cannot enjoy the luxury of a change without first having the shore with you to pay your laundry bill. They have adopted a cash basis for business after November 1 and the following laundrymen are represented in this combination: American steam laundry, Baxter steam laundry, Excelsior steam laundry, Millard's steam laundry, Model steam laundry and the Troy laundry. These laundrymen say that after November 1 their delivery men will be instructed to leave no packages anywhere unless they receive pay therefor, and that no package will be delivered more than twice. If it is not paid for the second time it will be taken back to the office to be called for. A representative of one of the above laundrymen said yesterday: "We are put to the necessity of adopting the cash system. Unlike most mercantile concerns who buy goods on sixty or ninety days' time, our stock in trade is labor—services that must be paid for each week. With many of our customers who were prompt in paying monthly, we had no difficulty, but with a large percentage of those having accounts we experience much trouble in collecting bills, and it is these that compel us to resort to the cash system, accepting if we must apply the same rule to all. This may be new in Grand Rapids, but in all of the large cities it is the only system in vogue."

## City News in Brief

At a meeting of the High School Athletic association last Tuesday afternoon a committee of five, viz.: M. Walsh, Ben Methuany, Gilbert White, Bert Bartlett and Charles Kirkfield were appointed to make a list of gymnasium apparatus for the high school. They will ask the board of education to make an appropriation of these articles.

William Page, Michael Barrett, Edward Burt, Howard Martin, Dr. Murray, P. Dennis and J. Riley, residents of the fifth ward, went into Grattan early yesterday morning on a hunting expedition and returned last evening with six rabbits, ten woodcocks and fourteen fox squirrels.

Deputy Marshal C. E. Brewster arrived in the city late last evening from Muskegon with Dennis Murray, charged with robbing the postoffice at Eastmanville and Coopersville. Murray will be arraigned in the United States court today.

The alarm of fire from box No. 7 at 3:45 yesterday afternoon was caused by fire in an awning over the entrance to Treusch & Bro's cigar house, No. 22 South Ionia street. No damage, save the loss of the awning.

The State Bank of Michigan, which has the largest capital of any savings bank in the state outside of Detroit, would be pleased to receive your deposits if you anticipate making a change in your bank account.

Twenty-five members of Champlain post, G. A. R., paid a fraternal visit to Smith camp, S. O. V., last night. The visit was a surprise to the young men, but they entertained the veterans in a delightful manner.

Cornelius Gower reported to the police yesterday that he hung his vest up in the alley at No. 110 Canal street and someone stole his watch from the pocket. The officers did not find a clue to the thief.

Arthur S. Fowler took out a marriage license yesterday morning to marry Cora J. Steiner. Mr. Fowler is a salesman and Miss Steiner was for several years a teacher in the public schools of the city.

At 10 o'clock this afternoon the Progressive spiritualists will resume their Thursday afternoon meetings at No. 257 North Ionia street. Mrs. E. A. Payne will give readings. All are welcomed.

The total amount of claims to come before the committee on claims and accounts of the board of supervisors at the present session is \$9,781.42, of which \$6,000 are just claims.

At the meeting of the Central W. C. T. U. this afternoon Mrs. O'Dell will read a paper on "Prohibition in Kansas as I Saw It." Mrs. O'Dell was a resident of Kansas for eight years.

Mr. Kheralla will give a lecture on the "Seven Ages of a Mohammedan in Egypt" at the Ladies' literary clubhouse on Sheldon street this evening at 8 o'clock.

Complete reports of the sale of tickets for the Wurlburg charity concert Monday night have not been made, so the entire receipts cannot yet be announced. The young men's congress of the Y. M. C. A. will hold its second meeting tonight, beginning at 7:45 sharp. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Columbian club will hold a meeting tomorrow night in the hotel street armory to prepare a program for the winter entertainment.

A small blaze in John Saur's saloon on Canal street did slight damage at 2:30 yesterday morning. It is supposed to be incendiary.

Yesterday's bank clearings amounted to \$131,263.4, a decrease of \$10,363.52 as compared with the corresponding day of last year.

The Rev. James L. Hamilton will dispense benediction in the East street Methodist church tonight.

One case of whiskey for Kortlander Bros. was received at the customs house yesterday.

## Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ramsdell of Manistowick, the parents of young Ramsdell, who was shot by John Lemmon's brother at Traverse City the other day, were guests in The New Livingston yesterday.

The Hon. Jacob Haer of Grand Haven, the man slated by the democrats for the Grand Haven postoffice, made a fraternal visit to Harrymyn Pyle in the government building yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lacey and daughter and Mrs. Harriet Winslow will leave for Pass Christian, Mississippi, in a few days. They will spend the winter there.

C. H. Chase, secretary and treasurer of the Grand County Printing company, called on friends in the city yesterday, on his return from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson of Buffalo are guests in The Morton. They

have just returned from Europe and are on their way to the world's fair.

William T. McKinley is in Detroit to attend the wedding of his brother, Harry C. McKinley, to Miss Florence Dean.

Miss Maude Winn of Washington, District of Columbia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Buford, at Hotel Warwick.

Arthur Sharp, assistant paymaster of the G. R. & I., returned from Chicago yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Comstock and Mr. and Mrs. Huntley Russell are home from Chicago.

F. L. Weiss and daughter Marie and son, William Hansen, went to Chicago last night.

Miss Rose Vander Sluis left for Colorado Springs yesterday to join her brother.

Miss Phillips of Detroit is the guest of Miss Rae Davis of North Prospect street.

Mrs. Alex Stock of Hillsdale is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

George W. Munson and daughter, Miss Charlotte, are in Chicago.

J. E. Rice and J. W. Claghorn are seeing the world's fair.

F. A. Pike and John Seymour went to Chicago last night.

Dr. C. P. Bigelow of Big Rapids is in the city.

Dr. L. E. Best has returned from Chicago.

## Charity Society Notes

The Charity society has now prepared its work room and will begin operations today. The society will give nothing away, but if a person asks for old clothes and is willing to work for them in the work room they will be supplied.

The society has two places for young men who will work for small wages and their board in the country.

More volunteer helpers are needed in the work of the society.

## Fire in Leonard's Basement

At 7:30 last night, as Patrolmen Emmett Smith and O. C. Smith passed in front of Leonard Sons & Co's retail store on Monroe street, they discovered a fire in the basement. Emmett Smith kicked in the door and O. C. Smith ran to pull a box at the corner of Canal and Pearl streets. The fire was out before the apparatus arrived. It had started in a small gasoline stove, which did not work properly, and allowed the liquid to escape. The watchman was just leaving the building to go to the wholesale house on Fulton street and would have been gone an hour.

Charged With Highway Robbery.

Yesterday Deputy Sheriffs Brinkman and Powers arrested George and Thomas Gobb, two brothers living in Walker township, on a charge of highway robbery. They are accused of having knocked down a man by the name of Cook last Saturday night and robbing him of \$1. Cook is a meat peddler of Walker and he says the thieves robbed him, but they deny the robbery, admitting that they had a fight with him as the result of a neighborhood quarrel. The boys will be arraigned in justice court this morning.

## Served With an Injunction

An injunction from the superior court was served on the contractors on East Leonard street, restraining them from grading up to a certain line, where Mary I. Page claims she has maintained a fence for twenty years. Mrs. Page claims the city is taking a part of her property for street purposes without compensating her for it. She also claims that the city will kill her shade trees by the grade, as laid out by the city surveyor.

## Roche's Success in West Virginia

J. W. Roche, formerly with the Welch Folding Bed company of Sparta, is now superintendent of the Standard Folding Bed company of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. The plant is reported to be worth \$200,000 and the best equipped furniture factory in that state. The company is doing a good business considering the depression of the times and is paying at the present time \$2,500 per month salaries to employees. There are now fifty men employed.

## Value of the City's Buildings

In response to a letter from the superintendent of census at Washington City Clerk Shinkman has sent out the following figures on the values of public buildings belonging to the city without regard to the values of the real estate in which these buildings stand. City hall, \$245,000.00; 31 school houses, \$608,500.00; police headquarters, \$48,000.00; nine waterworks station, \$25,000.00; city hospital, \$3,500.00; bridges, \$20,000.00; total \$1,251,271.33.

## Found Her Well Satisfied

The petition for a guardian for Abigail Reynolds of Lowell, was dismissed by Judge Perkins yesterday after a two day hearing. The petition was made by two daughters who complained that their father who lived with their brother did not treat Mrs. Reynolds as he ought. Judge Perkins carefully investigated the case and as Mrs. Reynolds was perfectly satisfied he dismissed the case.

## Teachers' Reading Circle

The Teachers' Reading Circle of the Grand Rapids district will hold its first meeting for work in McMullen hall Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. The forenoon session will be devoted to work in Algebra, with E. A. Carpenter as instructor. In the afternoon the program will be varied and general topics discussed.

## Broke the Plate Glass Window

A flurry of excitement was caused at 2:40 yesterday afternoon by an alarm of fire at the corner of Monroe and Ionia streets. It was caused by a blaze in the awning, however, and the damage would have been slight had not two large plate glass windows worth \$150 been smashed.

## Ayers-Peel

George M. Ayers of this city and Miss Kittie Peel of Plainfield were married October 4 by the Rev. W. A. Frym. Mr. and Mrs. Ayers have gone to the world's fair, but will be at home to their friends after October 16.

## Line numbers at 8 for NIKITA

NIKITA sale this morning.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

**Royal Baking Powder**  
ABSOLUTELY PURE

## WERE WITH US AGAIN

Some 1,500 Hoosier Excursionists Invade the City

## AND SEE EVERYTHING IN SIGHT

It Was the Indianapolis Day and They Took in All There Was Going. Another One Today.

Bill Holman's constituents struck the city in three sections yesterday morning. They don't necessarily reside in William's district, but any man that lives in Indiana is Bill Holman's prize. There were 1,500 Hoosiers in the excursion. The G. R. & I. usually brings 3,000 to the city once a year, but the senate and the price of hogs combined to reduce the numbers this time. The 1,500 that came arrived in three trains. The first pulled into the train shed at the Union depot at 9:55 a. m. The next was on hand at 9:20 and the other pulled in fifteen minutes later. Wurlburg's band, which had been hired by the board of trade to welcome the city's guests, was too late to meet them. Smith's band was on deck, however, and the visitors brought the Shipwreckers band with them. It is almost unnecessary to state that Shipwreckers are in Indiana.

The promoters of the gold brick industry were escorted to Campus square where they dispersed. Those that did not bring lunch in a shoe box made a wild break for the restaurants that advertised a \$1.50 fatty chole dinner for 25 cents. The Hoosiers were hungry, and when the restaurant keepers found the books last night they found the visitors had kept even on the game.

An electric car is always an object of interest for the Hoosiers, and a hundred of visitors boarded them for every point in the city. To make certain that they were getting the worth of their money they accepted all the transfers tendered. The city hall and the county building were invaded, and Grand Rapids is young and very beautiful. I believe she is a greater singer than Patti. She charms the audience with her magnificent voice and her pleasing manner alike. She is without doubt the greatest singer that Grand Rapids has seen for years.

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Issued a Souvenir.

The board of trade issued a pretty souvenir of the farmers' fifth annual excursion from Indiana to this city yesterday and 2,500 of them were distributed on the trains and on the streets. It contained advertisements from several of the leading merchants and was issued by the board to defray expenses of the hand which met the excursionists at the depot.

## EDUCATIONAL COUNCILS.

Superintendent Pattengill Divides the State Into Districts.

Henry A. Pattengill of Lansing, state superintendent of public instruction, was in the city yesterday on his way to the upper peninsula, where he will conduct two institutes. While here Mr. Pattengill consulted with Secretary Smith of the board of examiners, concerning the new scheme for educational councils. Mr. Pattengill has divided the state into twenty-one districts and will hold routing meetings in each. The first session will be held in Bay City in a few weeks. Kent county is in a district with Muskegon, Ottawa, Ionia and Oceana counties. The meeting for this district will be held sometime after the holidays.

## Old Man Injured

While Vernon Spinner, an aged farmer, was driving along Walker avenue yesterday morning, his team became unmanageable and ran away, throwing him out, breaking his collar bone and otherwise injuring him. He was taken to the home of P. Ryngaert, Dr. Keirstead, who was called, reduced the fracture and thinks he will recover.

## Relief Corps Inspection

The department officers of the Women's Relief Corps of Michigan are making their annual inspection of local corps and holding schools of instruction for officers. The following officers were with the Center corps yesterday: Mrs. A. T. Bliss, department president, Saginaw; Mrs. Barney, senior vice, Kalamazoo; Hattie M. Patton, junior vice, city; Mrs. Carpenter, secretary, Saginaw; and Mrs. Dewey, chairman of the executive board, city. The afternoon was consumed in inspecting the work done by the corps during the past year, and when the work was completed Mrs. Bliss complimented the officers on their efficiency and the high grade of work done by the corps. Today the department officers will hold a school of instruction for A. B. Watson corps in Engineer's hall on South Division street.

## Burial Permits

Thomas Sheahan, No. 284 Fourth street, St. Andrews, Madison Henshaw, No. 4—Pine street, Valley City.

## Contagious Diseases

Willie Bromberg, No. 180 Crosby street, diphtheria; Gerald Wagner, No. 181 Hastings street, chicken pox.

## World's Fair Excursion

Tickets over Lake Shore railway October 14th morning train; tickets at

half rates, good ten days. Arrive in Chicago 1:45 p. m.

## HEAR THE WHISTLE BLOW.

Everybody Get in Line for the Benefit Sale Today.

Commencing this Thursday morning October 12, 1903, the Western Meat & Provision company will inaugurate the greatest benefit sale of meats and provisions ever known in this section. It will prove an opportunity that should be improved by every wage earner and householder within the limits of the municipality. The list of prices offered and quoted below throws consternation into the ranks of all competition and makes glad the heart of every thrifty housewife. Every one should be in a stock of smoked meats and provisions for winter use if that is possible; if not then as large a supply as your exchequer will stand. The time is limited to three days—Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Notice of the sale was given several days ago, that every one might be prepared. It is possible that you have not heard of this proposed sale before now, then you should begin to prepare at once. Here are some of the prices:

Good steaks, 6 cents.  
Good round steaks, 7 and 8 cents.  
Surtout steaks, 8 and 9 cents.  
Porterhouse steaks, 9 and 10 cents.  
Good beef roasts, 5 and 6 cents.  
Good dried beef, 6 1/2 cents.  
Pure crystal leaf lard, 11 1/4 cents.  
No. 1 hams, 10 1/2 cents.  
No. 1 California hams, 8 1/2 cents.  
Five pounds bologna sausage, 25 cents.  
No. 1 family lard, 8 1/2 cents.

Notice that the prices of fresh meats are slaughtered with the same recklessness that controls other lines. Get in line early and have your change ready.

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## WHAT PEOPLE SAY

Of Miss Nikita, the "Great Russian Songstress."

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99 Cents for old ladies glove kid lace shoes. These are not regular goods, but are some we are closing out on our great sacrifice sale at O'Hara's, 72 Canal street.

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## A Surgical Operation.

For the cure of Piles is always painful, often dangerous and useless, and invariably expensive; on the other hand there is a new, certain cure, perfectly painless, gives instant relief and permanent cure and costs but a trifle. It is the Pyramid Cure. It is a more certain cure than a surgical operation, without any of the intense pain, expense and danger of an operation. Any druggist will get it for you.

## DR. KILMER'S SWAMP-ROOT CURED ME.

La Grippe! Grip! Grip! After Effects Cured.

Mr. Kilmer writes—"I had an attack of the Grippe; after time caught cold and had a second attack, it settled in my kidneys and liver, and Oh! such pain and misery in my back and legs."

The physicians' medicine and other things that I used made no impression, and I continually grew worse until I was a physical wreck, making up to sleep, Father bought me a bottle of Dr. Kilmer's SWAMP-ROOT, and before I had used all of the second bottle I felt better, and to-day I am just as well as ever. A year has passed and not a trace of the Grippe is left. SWAMP-ROOT saved my life."

D. H. BRIDGES, Hainesville, Pa. Jan. 10th, 1900.

## DROPSY! DROPSY! DROPSY!

Suffered Three Years.

"Respected Dr. Kilmer & Co., Birmingham, N. Y. My wife had suffered for three years with Dropsy, during that time she was attended by five different physicians, none of whom helped her for longer than a few days. We also tried medicine, more than twenty different remedies, but nothing would help."

Then we used your SWAMP-ROOT. Mrs. HERMAN BROOKING, three bottles relieved was apparent, hence she continued to take it until she had used twenty-five one dollar bottles. Now she is healthy and strong, as she never was before."

She is forty-one years old on the 27th of next March and next to God she owes her life to SWAMP-ROOT. I send you this testimony and enclose herewith a Photograph of my wife. Your true friend, THOMAS A. BROOKING, Feb. 22, 1902. Location, Shelby Co., Ohio.

At Druggists, 50c, or \$1.00 Size. "Swamp-Root" is a trade name.

U. S. & O. Anointment. Cures Piles. Trial Free. At Druggists 50c.

Dr. Kilmer & Co., Birmingham, N. Y.

SCRATCH BLOX!

Another insurance lot just made up from old cuttings of good class papers. WE ALMOST GIVE THEM AWAY.

BARLOW BROS.

5 and 7 Front street, near the Bridge.

## The First Day of the Public Benefit Sale

## An Overwhelming Success!

## The verdict of the people

is that this sale is well planned—no such chance for money saving was ever before given to Grand Rapids. Read the extraordinary list. It's almost a free distribution.

1. Your choice of any Fall Overcoat in the house, without reserve, the finest Meltons and Worsteds, worth \$15, \$18, \$20, and \$25. Benefit price \$7.50

2. 200 fine black and blue beaver overcoats, extra long, with Italian linings and velvet collars. Benefit price..... 8.38

3. 100 men's extra quality black chevrons, single and double breasted, fashionably cut and worth \$13.50. Benefit price..... 7.87

4. 150 men's black clay worsted suits, sack and frock, all styles, worth \$15. Benefit sale..... 11.87

Open this evening until 9 o'clock. A word to the wise, etc.

For Your Liver and Stomach Take

WHITE & WHITE'S BLOOD AND LIVER PILLS

These Liver Pills are composed of the active principles of vegetable drugs that have special action on the liver and bowels. They are small, pleasant to take, prompt in their action, will not grip or irritate, and perform their work to the perfect satisfaction of the patient.

White & White's Blood and Liver Pills restore the torpid liver to its normal condition, create a healthy action in the digestive organs and cure constipation by securing prompt and regular operations of the bowels.

Directions: For habitual constipation, take two pills at bedtime; for loss of appetite, with headache, one pill at bedtime; for indigestion, dyspepsia, dizziness, nausea, etc., one twice a day for several days, then take one every night or every other night, regulating the dose to suit the constitution, and continue until the bowels become regular in their operations. See bottle.

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